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| For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING   | ) |                            |
| BIOASSAY PLATE BY STACKING  | ) |                            |
| TWO SUBSTRATES TOGETHER     | ) |                            |
| AND BIOASSAY PLATE          | ) |                            |

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached. Copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed. A copy of a search report from the European Patent Office in a corresponding application is also attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, an English language version of a search report from the European Patent Office in a corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. English abstracts of the non-English documents are also attached.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

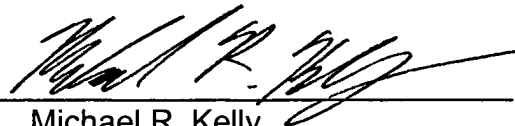
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